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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Date March 2, 1988

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TO: Congressional Liason
State Department
Washington, D.C. 20520

ENCLOSURE FROM:
Several N.J. residents
Nancy Lorenberg
Jeffrey Pancza

RE: Kim Dae Jung, a former leader of Korea.

I forward the attached for your consideration and would appreciate receiving information in regard to this inquiry as soon as possible. Please return with the original correspondence.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Bradley

Bill Bradley
United States Senator

Please direct reply to:

Senator Bill Bradley
3104 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Attention:

Ms. Nancy [illegible]

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
U.S.A. 130

January 14, 1981

Senator Bill Bradley
Dirksen Building, Room #4104
Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Senator,

Amnesty International Group 130, based at the Riverdale Country School, would like your help. We would like you to support us in our protest against the current trial and sentencing of Kim Dae Jung, a democratic opponent of the military dictatorship in South Korea.

Kim Dae Jung has been sentenced to death. The charge was sedition, but no concrete evidence was produced at his trial, nor were his lawyers allowed to bring witnesses for the defense. All twenty-three of the co-accused at trial with Kim Dae-Jung have repudiated their confessions on the grounds that they were extorted by prolonged interrogation and torture. In fact, Mr. Kim's only apparent "crime" is that he won forty percent of the popular vote in an election against the recently assassinated dictator Park Chung-hee. After that, elections were supended in Korea and martial law was instituted.

At that time, our Amnesty group was concerned about a university student who has been imprisoned under Emergency Decree #9, which made it a crime to criticize the South Korean government. We hoped then that the change of government would bring about a relaxation of oppression and dictatorship in South Korea. That has obviously not been the case.

As NBC news reported last September 17, many countries in the world, east and west, communist and non-communist, have reacted with dismay and outrage to Mr. Kim's unjust sentence. We feel that the United States government has been much too lenient about this latest incident in South Korea's history of repression of civil rights and individual freedom. South Korea needs American support, financial as well as military, and we see no reason why that support should go to a country which so blatantly flouts the human rights which we Americans consider to be inviolable.

We urge you to bring our influence in every way possible to get Kim Dae Jung's sentence repealed. If you do take action, or if you have any suggestions as to how our elected representatives can most effectively act to secure Kim Dae Jung's freedom, we would very much appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Nancy P[illegible]
Amnesty International Group #130

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I am writing to protest the ...
...reme terror and brutality of the ...
...and Haiti as they bear on the United ...
...those countries through economic and mil...

The cumulative of events within South ...
...year which has included the imprisonment of ...
clergy and students and the mass slaughter of ...
...wanju is testimony to the ruthlessness of the ...
regime. Seventy-one prominent Americans religious leaders ...
recently denounced the conduct of the government in El ...
Salvador, South Korea, and Haiti as a "wave of terror in ...
so-called 'friendly' countries which threatens to result ...
in an international bloodbath which will be the shame of the ...
Western world." In a letter to President Carter of March 31, ...
1980, twenty-four Congressmen detailed the grave violation ...
of basic human rights in El Salvador.

Numerous statements by Ronald Reagan indicate that his ...
administration intends to give credence to the claims of ...
military regimes that their struggle is with ruthless terror- ...
ists, which ... tactics both within and outside of those

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countries cite endless examples of
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which wage war on any

I urge you to join those
as the religious leaders in
opposition to these barbarous acts.
will join any move in the Senate, to
of the Foreign Assistance Act that
aid to countries that violate international
rights.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Pancza

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BERNARD E. QUICK, Th.M.
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Trenton, N.J. [illegible]
([illegible])

Senator Bill W. Bradley
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bradley:

I am appalled that General Chun, Doo-Whan, the [illegible] Kwangju, is being welcomed at the White [illegible] Reagen Feb. 2. He heads a more repressive [illegible] late President Park. Our support of this man [illegible] forces for democracy from developing in South Korea.

I urge you to pressure the President to ask President [illegible] to immediately release Kim, Dae-Jung, the most [illegible] leader in Korea who has significant support from the [illegible].

I also hope that you will ask the President to pressure President Chun to allow the democratization of South Korea.

I hope to hear from you that you have seen fit to help America put its "money" where its mouth is, so to speak.

Sincerely,

Bernard E. Quick

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United Presbyterian Church